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A Field Service Officer from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department Service Office, in Salt Lake City, will be in your area to assist you in understanding and applying for rightful VA benefits, preparing and documenting applications for compensation, pension, hospitalization, education and other

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This is a free service and veterans need not be members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to qualify for assistance.

The V.F.W. Field Service Officer will be working out of the Heber City Job Service Center from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on December 3, 1986.

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The American Legion Service Officer will be at the Heber City Job Service on Tues., July 7, from 10-11 a.m.

For further information contact Brenda Jensen, secretary for the Utah American Legion, 524-5943.

Guard planning Heber platoon

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Heber City Correspondent

HEBER CITY — The 1457th engineering command of the Utah National Guard is drawing up plans to create a Heber City platoon, with the encouragement of the Heber City Council.

First the guard would begin recruiting local people, including veterans with leadership skills who could bring their rank from other service, Col. Dave Goff told the council recently. At first the group would be assigned to a parent unit in Provo. Then, when there are 43 local people, enough for a platoon, drills could take place in Heber City, he said.

"Our goal during the next year is to have a center force, a group of men who live here and would want to drill in Heber. If we could get 25 to 30 people...then we would look to open up a facility, or come to Heber with part of a detachment, first of all, of one of our combat construction companies," he said.

He said he had commanded several units in the state and that they had been able to help the cities in "city cleanup, making available some equipment and men several times on several projects. We've done extensive community projects throughout the state."

Sgt. LaMar Jensen assured the council that people in the guard no longer have the reputation of being weekend warriors and party goers, but that they are, instead very professional. He said the schools offered by the guard set much higher standards than other schools.

Maj. Robert Taylor, a former resident of Heber City, recommended the guard, saying it is a benefit to rural communities, particularly engineering units. He said longlasting friendships result from association in the guard.

For example, Goff said those joining the guard in Blanding are mostly high school students. "They're bringing their friends in, they're going to basic training together, they're being trained in some very good skills... They're bringing back to the community a tremendous amount of skills that they didn't have before. They are being trained as mechanics, heavy-equipment operators, things where they can contribute to the community."

County to dedicate war memorial Friday

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Utah County will dedicate a new war memorial Friday honoring county veterans who gave their lives for their country in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam.

The memorial will also honor those missing in action and prisoners of war.

The memorial will be placed at the flagpole directly north of the Utah County government complex at 100 E. Center, where special ceremonies are scheduled Friday at 12 noon.

Lt. Gen. Robert C. Oaks, commander of Air Training Command, with headquarters at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas, will be the keynote speaker.

Utah County Commission Chairman Brent Morris said the Pleasant Grove High School band will play introductory musical numbers and also selections during the program.

Colors will be presented by the Utah National Guard, and those in attendance will join in singing the National Anthem.

Opening prayer will be given by Pearl Rex, whose son is still listed as missing in action in Vietnam. Mrs. Rex is coordinator for the National League of Families of MIA/POWs.

After introductions by Commissioner Morris, a musical selection will be offered by Jackie Tingey, Miss Utah, and her sister Debbie, who was an attendant to Sharlene Wells, who went on to become Miss America.

Guest speakers will include Cathleen Caras, widow of Ma-

jor Franklin Caras, whose body was returned recently from Vietnam, and Congressman Howard C. Nielson.

After Lt. Gen. Oak's address, the dedicatory prayer will be said.

Taps will be played by Dawn Gifford of American Fork, and there will be a balloon release supervised by Mrs. Rex.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

Lt. Gen. Oaks is in charge of the Air Training Command, responsible for recruiting Air Force personnel and providing them with high quality military technical line training at 13 major installations.

Lt. Gen. Oaks was reared in Provo and served 18 months in the Utah National Guard. He attended Brigham Young University for one year before entering the Air Force Academy's first class in 1955.

He earned a bachelor of science degree from the Academy in 1959, then was awarded a master's degree from Ohio State University in 1967.

He is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, and flew 188 combat missions in Southeast Asia in an F-100 fighter plane.

He has served twice at the Pentagon in a variety of joint planning and policy positions in plans and operations and personnel.

He is married to the former Gloria Unger of Provo and they have four sons and two daughters.